AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: The Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Brian Blad. Councilmembers present were Heidi Adamson, Rick Cheatum, Jim Johnston, Linda Leeuwrik and Beena Mannan. Councilmember Roger Bray was excused.

Mayor Blad led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: The invocation was offered by Pastor Jacqueline Thomas, representing Praise Temple of God.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Council was asked to consider the following business items:

- CONSENT AGENDA
  - TREASURER’S REPORT
    (a) Consider the Treasurer’s Report for August showing cash and investments as of August 31, 2019 in the amount of $61,023,277.17.

  - POCATELLO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT
    (b) Confirm the Mayor’s appointment of David Villarreal, Jr. to serve as a member of the Pocatello Development Authority, replacing Matt Bloxham who resigned. Mr. Villarreal’s term will begin September 20, 2019 and will expire May 1, 2023.

  - SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT
    (c) Confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Chanel Quirk to serve as a member of the Japanese Sister Cities Subcommittee. Ms. Quirk’s term will begin September 20, 2019 and will expire September 20, 2023.

  - RESOLUTION AMENDING DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY
    (d) Adopt a resolution (2019-09) amending the City’s Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy, previously adopted in December 2018, for employees whose positions require a Commercial Driver’s License, (not Transit Authority related). This amendment updates the job titles listed in Appendix “A”, which are subject to drug/alcohol testing.

  - ADOPTION OF CITY EMPLOYEE SAFETY FOOTWEAR PROGRAM /POLICY
    (e) Adopt the City Employee Safety Footwear Program/Policy as presented at the September 12, 2019 Work Session. This policy establishes standards for an employee footwear allowance as outlined in the City’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

  - COUNCIL DECISION
    - ARMSTRONG LEGACY DIVISION NO. 2 SHORT PLAT
      (f) Adopt the Council’s decision approving the short plat for Armstrong Legacy Division No. 2, which subdivides approximately 2.97 acres of land into three (3) residential lots, subject to conditions. The property is located north of Grant Street and west of Bannock Highway.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cheatum, to approve the items on the consent agenda. Upon roll call, those voting in favor were Johnston, Cheatum, Adamson, Leeuwrik and
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Mannan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mayor Blad announced there were no proclamations.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Blad welcomed Boy Scouts from Troop No. 306 in the audience.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Mayor Blad reminded the Council of the following meetings:
CALENDAR REVIEW Agenda Clarification meeting at 5:30 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 3; and the Work Session at 9:00 a.m. on October 10.

Mayor Blad announced OktoBEARfest at Zoo Idaho would take place October 5 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and reminded citizens that Zoo Idaho is open weekends only through October 27.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Council was asked to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Ashley Linton-Welsh as Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer, effective September 20, 2019.

A motion was made by Ms. Mannan, seconded by Mr. Cheatum, to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Ashley Linton-Welsh as Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer, effective September 20, 2019. Those voting in favor were Mannan, Cheatum, Adamson, Johnston and Leeuwrik.

Ms. Linton-Welsh, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, thanked the Mayor, Councilmembers and her family for their support. She referenced the good working relationship she has had with the Council over the previous two budget cycles and expressed positive anticipation for the future.

On behalf of Joyce Stroschein, former Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer, Mayor Blad expressed gratitude to the Council and the Finance Department staff for the support and help they have provided her. Mayor Blad conveyed appreciation for the leadership and notable contributions Ms. Stroschein provided during her time working for the City of Pocatello. He congratulated Ms. Linton-Welsh on her new position and expressed confidence in her abilities.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: This time was set aside for the Council to receive public comments on Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget amendments as discussed at the September 12, 2019 Work Session. An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration under Agenda Item No. 9.

Mayor Blad opened the public hearing.

Ashley Linton-Welsh, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, gave an overview of the proposed amendments as presented in detail at the September 12, 2019 Work Session. The total for all proposed amendments is $4,791,074.00.
Mayor Blad announced no written comments had been received.

Nikki Taysom, Pocatello resident, spoke in opposition to the budget amendments. She asked for clarification about various expenses, particularly those related to the Police Department and Street Department.

Ms. Linton-Welsh clarified that the majority of the budget amendments were within the general fund, and will be covered by reimbursements from grants and other sources.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Blad closed the public hearing and announced that an ordinance had been prepared for Council’s consideration under Agenda Item No. 9.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Council was asked to consider the recommendations of staff for the following requests regarding the Pocatello Creek Restoration Project.

- ACCEPT LOW RESPONSIVE BID 
  TDX POWER SERVICES, LLC.

- AUTHORIZE MAYOR’S EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT 
  TDX POWER SERVICES, LLC.

The services provided will be construction of stream restoration treatments at three locations along Pocatello Creek located near Fire Station No. 3 on Pocatello Creek Road. If approved, the work will begin in the middle of October and will be completed within or before 30 days from the start date. Funds for this project are budgeted and available in the Science and Environment Division and a grant provided by the Idaho Water Resources Board Flood Management Grant Program.

A motion was made by Ms. Leeuwrik, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to accept the recommendations of staff regarding the Pocatello Creek Restoration Project as outlined in Agenda Item No. 8(a) and 8(b), subject to Legal Department review.

In response to questions from Council, Hannah Sanger, Science and Environment Administrator, gave an overview of the proposed project. She explained that the restoration project was initiated when erosion was found along Pocatello Creek near the road which threatened City infrastructure, including sidewalk, street and sanitary sewer lines. Ms. Sanger stated that the proposed restoration project would stabilize the banks of the creek in critical areas utilizing a combination of man-made materials and willows. She added that the non-native elms would be removed and replaced with willows.

Ms. Leeuwrik’s motion was voted upon at this time. Upon roll call, those voting in favor were
Leeuwrik, Johnston, Adamson, Cheatum and Mannan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Council was asked to consider an ordinance approving an amendment to the Fiscal Year Appropriations Ordinance increasing the total Fiscal Year 2019 expenditures by $4,791,074.00 to account for additional revenues, including grant funds received by the City and to use previously unappropriated cash balances for unanticipated expenses incurred by the City.

A motion was made by Ms. Adamson, seconded by Mr. Cheatum, that the ordinance, Agenda Item No. 9, be read only by title and placed on final passage for publication, and that the entire ordinance be submitted for publication. Upon roll call, those voting in favor were Adamson, Cheatum, Johnston, Leeuwrik and Mannan.

Jared Johnson, City Attorney, read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Blad declared the final reading of the ordinance approving an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Ordinance increasing the total Fiscal Year 2019 expenditures by $4,791,074.00 to account for additional revenues, including grant funds received by the City and to use previously unappropriated cash balances for unanticipated expenses incurred by the City. Mayor Blad asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?” Upon roll call, those voting in favor were Adamson, Cheatum, Johnston, Leeuwrik and Mannan. Mayor Blad declared the ordinance passed, that it be numbered 3038 and be submitted to the Idaho State Journal for publication.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Andy Moldenhauer, President of Firefighters Local 187, announced the Candidate Forums for seats 1, 2 and 3 of the City Council will be held September 23 and 24. He also announced the following events: Fill the Boot fundraiser planned for September 27; Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October and Brake for Breakfast October 2. Mr. Moldenhauer added that shirts will be sold at the breakfast to raise awareness for breast cancer and funds for research. He presented Councilmember Mannan with a video of her experience at the Fire Ops training in May.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: There being no further business, Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST: